

NWALL Safety Guidelines – Fall 2020 Season

The following are updated safety rules are a combination of guidelines from the State of Idaho, CHD, CDC as well as common sense rules to keep our kids, parents and umpires safe. These rules can be amended as state and local guidelines are updated. That stated, the accountability is ultimately on Teams/Individuals to practice common sense, safe social distancing, and maintain the best efforts to comply with rules at all times.

1. First and foremost, try to maintain a minimum of 6ft social distancing when conducting team activities, using restrooms, or walking through the McDevitt Youth Sports Complex and Hobble Creek (our venues/complexes for ball play).

If coaches/parents/spectators are not distanced they should wear a mask. If coaches feel it prudent to have players wear masks while in the dugouts, that is up to the Coaches/Parents (CHD guidelines) this is up to the individuals/guardians/coaches.

2. Use sanitizer, disinfectant wipes etc. Coaches and players should be using these frequently.
3. Players should be limiting their use of shared equipment (outside of baseballs) at this juncture. Our Fall baseball players should have their own gear: (helmets, batting gloves, bats, gloves.)
4. Parents/spectators are not to congregate in groups or set up their spectating near dugouts. There are no more than 50 persons allowed per event (until Ada County moves out of stage 3).
5. Teams should clean their dugout after each game/use. Teams should enter/exit dugouts from 1 end to the other during game play (eliminate bottlenecks and 2-way traffic as much as possible during games.). Coaches please communicate this to your teams.
6. As with any and all Little League Baseball here in the Treasure Valley, there should be and will be NO team handshakes, fist bumps, and huddles. After each game we will acknowledge the respect of the game, our opponents, and our officials by lining up on the foul lines and tipping our caps.
7. Regrettably we will not be able to serve hot foods (burgers, nachos, hot dogs ...etc). Putting the pressure of safe food handling on our volunteers is much more manageable by simply selling and handling pre-packaged foods...and we will have lots of snacks and ice-cold drinks available! (All Snack Shack Volunteers will have hand sanitizer, wipes, gloves and will be frequently wiping down all surfaces.)

8. Before and after each game teams will be expected to expeditiously enter/depart the complex they are playing at. As much as we would love to encourage people to stay around and enjoy the day, the expectation is that you drop off your player and pick up your player. If you are to watch the games your player/child is participating in (this is fully expected), then we expect you to view the games from your spectator viewing areas and limit your interaction to 6ft of safe social distancing with other spectators, or you should have a mask and wear it.
9. Teams must monitor athletes and coaches/staff for signs and symptoms of COVID. Ill persons are required to stay at home. Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, should stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals, including coaches, players, and families, who have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.
10. Teams must limit parents/spectators to a maximum of 50 persons per event. This includes practices as well as games. Coaches will be monitoring the numbers to make sure they don't exceed 50. This will continue until there is another revision. If the number exceeds 50, spectators may be asked to leave.

This is a trying time for us all, but we are happy and confident in our ability to provide safe and fun-filled (significantly scaled down) events for the fall baseball season.